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BACHAWAT WAGE BOARD
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Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that out of 1714 newspaper establishments in the country, 1043 establishments have not implemented the Bachawat Wage Board recommendations;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the corrective steps taken by the Government in this direction?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI MUNI LALL)

(a) to (c): As per information available, out of 1714 newspaper establishments in the country, 1043 had not implemented the recommendations of the last Wage Board i.e. Bachawat Wage Board. The slow progress in the implementation was due to the financial constraints, contract employment, small size units etc. In the meantime, the award of the new Wage Board i.e. Manisana Wage Board has been notified vide orders dated 5.12.2000 and 15.12.2000.

The implementation of the recommendations of the Wage Board is the responsibility of the State Governments. All the States/UTs have, therefore, been asked to take steps for effective implementation of the Manisana Wage Board Award. They have been specifically advised to form State-level Tripartite Committes/Implementation Cells for speedy and effective implementation of the recommendations of the Wage Boards. The Ministry has also set up a Monitoring Committee to oversee the progress of implementation and ensure the same by way of pursuing the matter with the States/UTs.